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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Fischetti, et al.

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Examiner: Raj Bawa, Ph.D.

For: Means for the Prophylactic and Therapeutic Treatment of Group A Streptococcal Infections

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

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As to the restriction requirement, applicant respectfully takes issue with the Office Action that the process as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product such as an antibacterial agent.

Claim 6 reads as follows:

6. A method for the treatment of streptococcus A exposure comprising:

applying an effective dosage of a pharmaceutically

acceptable amount of:

an extraction reagent comprising Group C streptococcal phage associated lysin enzyme to the oral mucosa of a mammal in need of treatment;

permitting the extraction reagent to remain in contact with the oral mucosa for a period of time necessary for the lysin enzyme to saturate the oral mucosa; and

applying additional dosages of such the lysin enzyme in like fashion until treatment is complete.

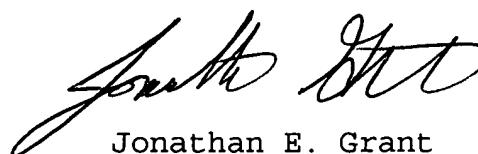
The claim is specifically directed towards to the use of Group C streptococcal phage associated lysin enzyme to saturate the oral mucosa. No other materially different product would be as effective as this lysin for this method in both treating the oral mucosa and in acting as an agent against strep.

However, if the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office does not agree with our position we elect prosecution of Claims 1-5 and 23-25 drawn to a pharmaceutical composition, classified in class 424, subclasss 45.

The appropriate fee for the late filing of a response to this office action is submitted herein.

Please call the undersigned if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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